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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your providence, You gave us a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to equal justice for all.

Today, infuse our lawmakers with this spirit of liberty and justice so that their labors will reflect Your purposes and plans. May their knowledge of your providential purposes keep them from detours that lead away from abundant living. May their small successes prompt them to attempt larger undertakings for human betterment. As they seek to do Your will, bless them with the awareness of the constancy of Your presence. Lord, guide them by Your higher wisdom and keep their hearts at peace with You.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 14, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of morning business until noon. Senators will be allowed to speak for 10 minutes each during that period. The majority will control the first 30 minutes and Republicans will control the next 30 minutes.

We are working hard to come to agreement on amendments dealing with the small business jobs bill. I had a conversation with the Republican leader last night. We are hopeful we can reach agreement to move forward on that legislation today. We have to have consent to move off Wall Street reform, but I think that will not be a problem.

As a reminder, yesterday I filed cloture on the conference report to accompany H.R. 4173. That cloture vote will occur sometime tomorrow morning. I will work with the Republican leader to come up with a time that is convenient to both sides.

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 5618

Mr. REID. I understand H.R. 5618 is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5618) to continue Federal unemployment programs.

Mr. REID. I object to any further proceedings at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The minority leader is recognized.

### SMALL BUSINESS JOBS BILL

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, my friend the majority leader mentioned the small business jobs bill. I recently had an opportunity to talk to Senator SNOWE, who is the author of that legislation. I assured her we are anxious to move forward. I appreciate his bringing up the discussion we have been having about reaching a consent agreement that would allow us to expedite the bill. I know my friend from Nevada shares my view that small business is an area that needs attention. We are going to continue to try to come to agreement to move forward with that very important piece of legislation which I support and I believe most Members of my conference do as well.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as I have said before, this legislation is bipartisan. Most of the bill has been crafted in the past when Senator SNOWE was chairman of the Small Business Committee. I am glad to hear my friend Senator SNOWE has had a conversation with the Republican leader. That is good news. We will see what we can do to move on. I hope everyone realizes that jobs in America are not created in large numbers by big companies; it is small businesses.

In the past few months, we passed a relatively small piece of legislation, but it has been extremely helpful to

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